GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1476
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2001
THREAT BY LASHKER-E-TOIBA
ASHOK KUMAR PATEL;RAMPAL SINGH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any letter of protest has been sent to Pakistan with regard to the threat posed by Lashker-E-Toiba; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Pakistan Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a)&(b) Pakistan encourages terrorist groups such as the Lashkar-e-Toiba. These groups are based in Pakistan, operate freely in its territory and openly proclaim their involvement in terrorist acts in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India. Government have on numerous occasions called on Pakistan to end the sponsorship of cross-border terrorism including through groups such as the Lashkar-e-Toiba.

Pakistan`s State sponsorship of terrorism continues unabated. It is, therefore, clear that it has not responded to our calls and also those of the international community to cease such activities.